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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL

1. JAMES A. ROONEY, GS-15, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DOMESTIC BUSINESS, IS DIRECTING JOINT COMMERCE/FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE INVESTIGATION OF SHORTAGES OF OIL COUNTRY TUBULAR GOODS (OCT). ISSUE IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE IN INCREASING DOMESTIC (U.S.) PRODUCTION OF OIL. CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE IS BUILDING FOR EMBARGO OF EXPORTS OF THESE GOODS, THUS URGENT THAT WORLD-WIDE OCT SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION BE QUANTIFIED TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE POLICY OPTIONS.

2. WASHINGTON ARAMCO REPRESENTATIVE HAS ALREADY CABLED REQUESTING MEETING BETWEEN ROONEY AND COMPANY OFFICIALS IN DHAHRAN. TRAVEL PLANS AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 1 - DEPART SINGAPORE, SQ FIT 753

MARCH 2 - ARRIVE BAHRAIN 0215

MARCH 2 - BAHRAIN TO DHAHRAN GF 101 LV 0745 ARR 0805

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WILL DEPART DHAHRAN ON MARCH 4, 1645, FOR BEIRUT.

3. REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM MAJED ELASS, ARAMCO, OF THESE TRAVEL PLANS AS THEY HAVE CHANGED. PLEASE REQUEST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BE HELD ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

4. IF POSSIBLE, INVOLVEMENT OF EMBASSY JIDDA AND/OR CONGEN DHAHRAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER IS DESIRED. MEETING SHOULD PROVIDE BACKGROUND FOR HIM ON WORLD-WIDE TUBULAR GOODS SITUATION. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE MEET, ASSIST AT AIRPORT AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS EITHER AT CONGEN COMPOUND OR LOCAL HOTEL. RUSH

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